Meridian Hill Water Works Monument.

1 Lasting Memento of the Triumvirate-Th Malaria of the Biver Front-Its Effects at the Executive Mansion - Au Office-Seeker's Experience-Dallion-Holders and Secretary Sherman, &c.

The Water Standpipe. On the plateau of Meridian Hill which over-On the plateau of Meridian Hill which overlooks the city from the northwest, rises to the height of sixty feet an irou cylinder or column, known as the water standpipe. It is a wonderful conception of genius and engineering, and what is more is a remarkable failure in the way of utility. It cost the District the sung sum of \$37,000, and under the calculations of size of people, was streamly het throughout the day, and during the afternoon throughout the day, and during the afternoon it throughout the day, and during the afternoon throughout the day, and during the afternoon throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was considerably injured. In New London and Putnam crops and out in the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the afternoon it became almost intolerable. There was extremely het throughout the day, and during the after

are not provided with this essential element of comfort? This is a conundrum for the Commissioners to consider and the courts to decide, for undoubtedly, when the Commissioners tax water rates for a portion of a dwelling in which it does not furnish the article for which it taxes the occupant, it is a wrong which no court of law or equity would anction. In an individual such a performance would be counted an unjust exaction, to put no more off-unjve point to it. Some people would no doubt count it an outright fraud, but it is not best to be too harsh with those in authority. The water staudpipe is a promineut and prolific subject, and may be the subject of future comment.

How an Applicant for Office was Helped.

Soms time since a gentleman, who had gai-

lantly led a Pennsylvania regiment through the war, visited the National Capital for the the war, visited the National Capital for the purpose of securing an appointment as an Indian inspector. Armed with recommendations from some of the best men in his State, he naturally sought the assistance of the member from his district, whom he had labored zealously to elect, although unacquainted with him personally. Presenting his letters of introduction, he was warmly received by his Representative, who promised him all the assistance in his power. He was, however, busy then—"Come up to the House to-morrow."

The aspirant for office visited the Capitol the next morning, and roceived the assurance that the member would go the Department that day and see what could be done. The next day brought an excuss that he had been detained at the Capitol, but he had secured the co-operation of a colleague, and the two were to go together the next morning. The next evening the Colonel met the member at the sistance in his power. He was, however, busy then—"Come up to the House to-morrow." The aspirant for office visited the Capitol the next morning, and received the assurance that the member would go the Department that day and see what could be done. The next day brought an excuse that he had been detained at the Capitol, but he had secured the co-operation of a colleague, and the two were to go together the next morning. The next evening the Colonel met the member at the Eibitt House, when the latter assured him that he and his colleague had visited the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in his behalf; that the Commissioner had promised to look over the Commissioner had promised to look over his papers and do the best he could, but they had been unable to extert a promise that he

should be appointed.

Just at this time a delegation of visiting Indians entered the hotel and the Colonel proposed a little talk with them. After a little while he turned the conversation upon their probable stay in Washington, when the chief replied that he could not tell how long they would remain, as they were waiting to see the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who had been absent in New York several days and had not returned. The member colored to the leged interview. The member is now a candidate for an important position in this District, and his name is therefore withheld.

The President and the River Front, On account of the extremely bad condition of the low lands or flats on the eastern shore of the Potomac River, lying directly south of the Executive Mansion, President Hayes has arranged to absent himself from the city during the month of September, in order to escape the malarial atmosphere which will neces sarily arise from the quarter mentioned and be carried by the southerly winds across the parking to the Mansion as soon as the vegetation begins decaying. The President has recently had several conversations with the District Commissioners, urging them to take such steps without dolay as will prevent the dangerous results to the health of citizens which are almost certain to occur if the vegetation is al-lowed to accumulate on the flats and be left to decay in the fall. It was the desire of the President to have an appropriation made by Congress during the extra session for this purpose. The President intends spending the greater portion of the month of September at

Prices of silver bullion received by the Treasury Department yesterday from San Francisco were slightly above the market Francisco were slightly above the market rate, and were consequently declined by the Director of the Mint. As the Government is in immediate need of silver in that city, an offer was telegraphed to the bidders at the market rate as construed by the Department. There were also rejected a number of New York bids, which were above the market rate. A number of purchases were made for delivery A number of purchases were made for delivery in Philadelphia. No replies having been re-ceived to the offers made the California bidders up to the hour of closing business, it will be impossible to ascertain the amount of purchases made before to-day.

## The Retired Army List.

The Secretary of War has recently had several interviews with the President on the sub ject of the retirement of army officials, there being a number of officers who are, according law, entitled to places on the retired list, o definite action has been reached, however, As there does not appear to be any disposition displayed by those cutified, the retirements may not be made for some time. Capitol and Departmental Notes.

The United States steamer Vandalia sailed from New London, Conn., yesterday, bound for Newport.

The President has appointed Howard M

CURRENT CAPITAL TOPICS. ss woolen rags. A considerable quantity of such rags have lately been imported from Canada and entered free of duty as paper

CHASTINE COX'S TRIAL.

Details of the Murder Narrated, NEW YORK, July 16,-The Court of General ons was crowded to excess to-day, notwithstanding the intense heat, with people auxious to hear the trial of Chastine Cox, for the murder of Mrs. Jane L. De Forest Hull. Mr. Rollins opened the case for the prosecution reciting the particulars of the crime and de-scribing the effect upon the community. Mr. Rollins said it was the prisoner's vanity that led him into the house, led

Some time since a gentleman, who had gal-antly led a Pennsylvania regiment through the war, visited the National Capital for the how he said be did not mean to kill Mrs. Hull, and entered the house through a window.

not take yout life; don't fear." The woman gave a few gasps and a deep moan, and he became terribly frightened, fearing she was dead. He tried to bring her to, but, failing, fied. He tied the bandages to provent her giving an alarm. He supposed he would suffer the pea-

alty of the law.

The counsel for the prisoner made strenuous efforts to prevent the confession being admitted in evidence, but the Judge overruled the

ome of Mrs. Hull's jewelry, was next sworn, and identified the jewelry and the prisoner Dr. R. M. Fuller testified to seeing the body on the morning of June 11, at seven a. m., and it was cold. The body, in his opinion, was four hours dead at that time. The counsel said one portion of his defense

eas that Mrs. Hull was not dead until after the post-mortem examination, and that there was no proof of death at the prisoner's hand.

A recess until seven p. m. was taken,
At the evening session, Sarah Briggs (colored), testified to payming for \$30, Mrs. Hull's oss-shaped diamond ring, which the prisoner (Cox) stole on the night of the murder, Belle Johnson, who received it from Cox, got witness to pledge it.

Detective Schmittberger, of this city, who took the prisoner in custody at Boston Police Headquarters, testified to the confession which Cox made to him regarding the murder. Wit-ness said that when he asked Cox why he tied Mrs. Hull's feet wide apart to the bedstead, Cox told him he was afraid if he tied them together she might roll off on the floor and awaken the cook in the basement. The prosecution here rested their case, when

the counsel for the prisoner made several mo-tions, asking the court to withdraw the vari-ous indictments from the consideration of the jury and to direct them to acquit the prisone e ground that there had been no motive thought, or intent to kill, and that th cause of Mrs. Hull's death had not been legally proven. His Honor denied the motions, and the case was adjourned until to-morrow, when witnesses will be called for the defense.

## THE YELLOW FEVER.

The Feeling of Alarm Dying Out MEMPHIS, July 16 .- The only restrictions minst Memphis freights now being enforced are by the Memphis and Little Rock and Misssippi Central Railroads. All the other roads

tinues to improve. Little Rock officials tele-ber of windows were broken. Man graph that quarantine will be raised if no trees were blown down and some house fore new cases are reported by Saturday.

The Philadelphia Boiler Explosion. PHILADELPHIA, July 16 .- The jury of exports who have been investigating the cause of the explosion on the 27th ultime, at Will & X Noyes' planing and saw-mill, on Wareham street, was struck by lightning and lost, returned a verdict to-day. They find that the bursting of the boiler was the result of the use of no inferior quality of iron in the shell of the tubular boiler; that the judgment of the inspector was at fault in allowing a defective sheet to remain in the shell, and a defective sheet to remain in the shell, and that there is no evidence of neglect of duty or of mismanagement either on the part of the engineer or of the proprietors of the mill, Mestra, Wilt & Son.

A Day of Extraordinary Heat and Fierce Storms.

The Thermometer at One Handred and Two in Washington-Over One Hundred in Many Places-Sunstrokes Numerous-Terrific Storms in New England-Several Lives Lost, &c., &c., &c.

The Hottest Day of the Season. The weather yesterday was extremely hot

Railroad and other sections of this State, as well as of West Virginia, indicate similar couditions. The drouth is affecting the crops alarmingly, many small water courses are entirely dried up, and in some instances cattle have to be driven a long distance for water. A number of mills in the surrounding country have had to suspend operations on account of the scarcity of water. The James River, just above the city, is so low that it can be crossed on foot at various points, without so much as wetting one's shoes. No cases of sunstroko

have been reported. NEW YORK, July 16 .- The following thermometrical reports have been received, showing the state of the weather at the places named at one p. m. to-day: St. Louis—Hot, over-cast; thermomoter, 94°. Indianapolis—Party cloudy; strong breeze from the west; hot. Cincinnati-Clear, hot. Buffalo-Clear, hot. New Orleans—Been raining; severe storm near here; thermometer, 85°. Coarleston—(Londy; thermometer, 86°. Pittsburg—Thermometer, 99°. Cleveland—Cloudy; thermometer, 93°. BALTIMORE, July 16.—To-day has been the hottest and most oppressive of the summer so far. At the signal service station the mercury

marked 99°, and in many other places in the shade the range was from 100° to 101°. Up to uine o'clock p. m. seven cases of sunstroke have been reported, one of which was fatal. The intense heat was somewhat modified by a twelve-mile breeze, which sprang up in the

afternoon.

MANHATTAN BEACH, N. Y., July 16,—The mercury stands at 80° at 1:30 p. m.

PHILADELPHIA, July 16.—The heat to-day was very great. At three o'clock the standard thermometer indicated 99°. Car horses suffered and many persons exposed to the sun had to stop work during the middle of the day. There were but few persons overcome by the heat and but one or two fatal cases. Tonight, at ten o'clock, after a slight shower, the night, at ten o'clock, after a slight shower, the hermometer indicated 90°.

CINCINNATI, July 16.—Although to-day has

been the warmest of the season, but four cases of sunstroke have been reported. John Krall, aged forty-three, an employee is a safe factory, died from the effects of the heat.

cases of sunstroke were treated at the dispensary and none of them have proved fatal. Four other cases occurred in the southern sub-urbs, and three deaths from sanstroke were recorded with the mortgary clerk.

NEW YORK, July 16.—The mercury rose to 101° in the shade here at half-past three p in. A series of thunder storms during the evening cooled the atmosphere, and at midnight the thermometer registered 74°. The following cases of sunstroke were reported: John Koster, of 64 Forsyth street; Frank A. Lawson, at pier 38, East River; Lizzie Commings, 10. Cherry street; John Kurzz Painter, Hoboken James Heenan, East Twenty-eighth street; Herbert Daylin, 261 Pearl street, Brooklyn; John Barrett, seaman, of New Orleans, on board the ship Jane Fish; C. H. Muhr, of Williamsburg; Elward Bust, 200 West avenue ton street; William Stapleton, First avenue Third avenue and Sixty-third street; Mary Jones, of Broome street. In Brooklyn the fol-lowing were sunstruck: Officer Webb, of the Tenth Precinct : Louis Renhardt, and Henry

Terrific Storms in New England.

Boston, July 16 .- Soon after four o'clock this afternoon a storm of terrific violence burst over this city. The duration of the storm was about twenty-five minutes, and in that period great damage was done to life and property. Many small yachts and other boats were capsized, but the most serious disaster yet reported is that of the small schooner Myrtle, of Charleston, having on board six persons-four women, a man, and a boy. The schooner was capsized off Bird Island, and all excepting the man, Thomas Durham, who clung to the topmast, were drowned. Their names were Margaret Durham, wife of Thomas; Mary practice of his profession. No new cases have many thousand dollars. In the southwestern been reported for a week.

MEMPHIS, July 16.—Judge Ray's son con-Hall fell in large quantities and a large numo frees were blown down and some houses unrounded, chimneys toppled over, such the flood in some of the streets formed a stream several inches in depth. Along the wharves are many anxious people, inquiring about the fate of friends who loft the city totook fire, but it was quickly extinguished. hail and had windows broken.

assumed to come up from the southwest.

At East Hampton, Mass. Pomeroy's Block was unroofed, but Northampton suffered most. The Heptasephs.

BALTIMORE, July 16.—The Supreme Contease of the Order of Heptase of the United States of the Order of Heptasephs.

The Commissioner of the General Land Office yesterday decided in favor of an amend fluxe of the United States of the Order of Heptasephs.

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HOT, HOTTER, HOTTEST! about half-past five. The Albion House, a about half-past five. The Albian House, a large hotel, and two large barns belonging to the hotel were completely wrocked, burying Charles O'Hara, a driver, and Anna Oglesby, the cook, beneath the mins. The former was bally braisel; the latter had a shoulder dislocated and was otherwise injured, both internally and externally. Thompson's photograph car was blown to splinters, and Charles Ackert, the artist, received injuries which will probably prove fital. A coach was overturned probably prove fatal. A coach was overturned and a three-year-old child of W. H. Joy, of South Woymouth, was killed. Nonwich, Conn. July 16.—A thunder storm

passed over Eastern Compecticut this afternoon, doing considerable damage to standing crops and blowing down a few small out-buildings. In this city a house, in which there was a number of people, was struck by lightning, and one

seiners and engineering promised to furnish the highest residence on the most elevated points of the city, taking in Capitol Hill, with a supply of water. It has had a brief career, and, stragge to fell, residences on G and other streets at that altitude in the city, which formerly had a comfortable supply of water in the death of streets at that altitude in the city, which formerly had a comfortable supply of water in the death of streets are the content of the night, when there is no demand for it. The supply has fallen off betach of being increased by this expenditure of money, and hence, perhaps for a brief period in the dead of the micro of residences, under a largely reduced supply.

But the standing to tweets on Meridian Hill as a monument to the wisdom, the skill, the forceasts, and the economy of our city government. The question now arises, is it equitable, neighborly, or just, in establishing water rates, to count the stories of a residence which are not provided with this essential element of comfort? This is a commutuum for the Commissioners to consider and the counts to demand for increased by this is a commutuum for the Commissioners to consider and the counts to describe the market and sometimes shook his bead as it disagreeing with what was said. The final aguestion to be decided, was did Clastine Cox our the stories of the city, which for sum unterstead the story, which for the mometer registered 102°, which is 5½ higher and purpose of the Universalias which the stems of the Universalias that a previous time this season. "Old Froble" will receive the grateful thanks of the man anterseven a death chamber and plunges was found in the death of Mrs. Hull yill and a rareign to the life in the father. The significant properties and all the damage was done in the late the transmitted to the from disease two minutes afterward, he is just and a representation to the community of he fuffills his promise of the cuty, where the street of guestiant particular and of the residuation of the community of he f

the city. No one was injured.

BRIDGEFORT, CONN., July 16.—During a heavy shower in Shelton this afternoon four men, who were standing on a stoop, were struck by lightning. Rebort Adams was instantly killed and Thomas Cane probably fatally injured. The other two are expected to recover, Pritistical, Mass., July 16.—At 230 this former a toward from the wasternake. afternoon a tornado from the west struck the southern suburbs. Two persons were killed and three or four wounded, some fatally. Buildings were unroofed and blown down, hindreds of trees leveled, and fully \$15,000 or \$15,000 to \$15, \$20,000 damage done.

## POLITICAL CONVENTIONS.

Iowa Prohibition Convention. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, July 16 .- The Pr hibition convention met to-day, Rev. Isaac C. Lusk presiding. Committees were selected and J. P. Parkham was made permanent presi dent. The convention, by a vote of 24 to 21, postponed until after the reading of the resolutions a notion to nominate a full State ticket pledged to probibition. Considerable debate enauel on a motion binding all the members to support the action of the conven-tion. A desire was manifested to exclude all who took part in the Republican State conver

Finally the resolution binding the membero concur in the action of the convention was defeated.

The platform sets forth the evils of inten perance; declares prohibition the only sound legislative theory upon which to solve this vexed question and save the Nation; demands the enforcement of the State prohibition law and its amoudment to include wine and beer demands that women be allowed to vote on temperanco issues, and favors the election of pronounced prohibitionists only to State offices.

The platform was adopted except the last paragraph, in place of which a substitute offered by Judge Maxwell was adopted. It sets forth that in view of the great questions of the perioduity of the Government, which are now prominent, it is decided inexpedient to nominate a third State ticket.

After much confusion and intemperate de-bate on this resolution, it was adopted by a vote of 41 to 32. A resolution favoring a constitutional amendtion, or sale of alcoholic liquors, except for

A BOLTER'S TICKET. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, July 16,-Those dis senting from the action of the Prohibition convention to-day after its close nominated the following State ticket: For Governor, Pro fessor G. T. Carpenter, of Oskaloosa; Licutemant-Governor, Frank S. Campbell, Newton; for Supreme Judge, J. M. Bleck for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Pro-

fessor J. A. Nash, of Des Moines. Pennsylvania Democratic Convention. HARRISBURG, PA., July 16.-The Democratic onvention for the nomination of a State Treasconvention was called to order by Chairman Speer. He announced that notices of contest in all the Senatorial and Representative districts of Philadelphia bad been presented to h im, and one from Leckawanna. Mr. Speer then named a number of secretaries, and one of them called over the roll. After the appointment of the various other committees the con-vention adjourned to meet at four o'clock to hear reports. When the convention reassemhear reports. bled at four o'clock Congressman Reilly, chair man of the committee on permanent organiza-tion, reported in favor of Hon. A. H. Coffroth as permanent chairman. Mr. Coffroth, upon as-suming the chair, said :

No military interference should be tolerated by reemen, and no deputy or special marshal shall o appointed and paid by the United States Gov-rument. With these scutiments as our watch-tords victory is assured beyond the shadow of a oubt.

Lewis C. Cassidy, chairman of the committee on resolutions, presented a report, which was adopted.

The resolutions embrace the usual amount

f "Federal interference," "army at the olls," "free ballot," &s. The sixth resolu-on, relating to the currency, is as follows: Sixth—That the Democratic party, as of old, favors constitutional currency of gold and silver, and of aper, convertible into coin.

Mr. J. Irvin Steele moved that the conven-tion proceed at once to a nomination of a candidate for State Treasurer, which was agreed Mr. Steele then nominated Mr. D. O. Barr, f Allegheny, for State Treasurer. Messrs, J. Dissinger, of Northumberland, and John W. Mish, of Labanon, were also placed in nomination, but were withdrawn before a vote was taken. Mr. S. F. Patterson then moved that the nomination of D. O. Barr be made by accla-

mation, which was agreed to.

Mr. D. O. Barr, in a short speech, thanked the convention for the henor conferred, and expressed his determination, if elected, to ad-

and fidelity. [Applause.]
A resolution was adopted empowering the candilate for State Treasurer and the presi-dent of the convention to usine the chairman of the State Contral Committee. After adopting a resolution laudatory of their nominue, the convention adjourned sine die. Wisconsin Democratic Nominations,

WATERTOWS, Wis., July 16 .- The National Greenback party of Wisconsin held its annual

### OUR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Sharp Letter to One of the District Commissioners.

The Color Line Governing Appointments-Colored Trustees Required by Law to be 'Quiet" Colored Men-Political Speaking a Bar to Washington Favors.

Commissioner Dent's Hostility Explained. The following letter has been addressed to Commissioner Dent by Mr. Holland, one of the colored members of the Board of School Trustees of the District of Columbia, toward whose reappointment Commissioner Dent has manifested the strongest hestility;

Washington, D. C., July 14, 1879. Jasiah Dent, Commissioner District of Co

posed tamy serving in the omes of Trusco of Public Schools, and that you had the absolute power in your hands, I called at your office on Saturday last and informed you that I did not wish the further consideration of my name in

wish the further consideration of my name in connection with that office.

This, I supposed, would be sufficient to satisfy any person who knew me that I had expressed an honest wish.

But, I am informed by a very retiable gentleman, who called upon you later, that you stated that although I had verbally declined reappointment, it would relieve you of great culturassment if I would put my declination

n writing.
The presumption raised is that if I put my declination in writing I could not thon retract and place the responsibility for my retiring from the board where it rightfully belongs. I left to assure you that my declination, though verbal, like all my acts, was in good faith, based, however, in this case, upon the state-ment made by you to responsible gentlemen that made to compare would you so apthat under no circumstanges would you so ap-

I believe, as the community believes, that the real opposition to my reappointment comes from you. If this be not true, why is it that, from yon. If this be not true, why is it that, though pressed to do so, you have refused to give the name of a single objector? That the public shall know the true inward-

ness of this opposition to me it may not be amiss for me to allude to my former appoint-ments and to the character of the alleged opposition to my reappointment. It is briefly
this: Several years ago, upon the death of Professor George W. Mitchell, I was chosen by my
fellow-citizens and appointed by your predecessors as his successor upon the School Board
of this District.

Upon the expiration of the term for which I was then appointed it seems that there was some opposition made to my continuance in some opposition made to my continuance in that capacity. These opponents were few but exceedingly enterprising. To the colored people they accused me of having established a new white school in the district I represented, and of being opposed to mixed schools, and to Democrats they accused me of an insiduous effort to mix the schools. The secret of this opposition existed in my previous inability to supply teacherships to the several relatives and friends of those who then opposed me.

I was at that time supported by the best element in the District, and was accordingly reappointed by the Board of Commissioners, of which you are a member.

Let a the arre to overheading a comforts to describe the disconding that the cutertainment was thoroughly enjoyed. The performance of "Pinafore" rivaled any ever given in this city.

Miss Eva Mills sange Josephines, "Fell. Hay imporsonated Sir Joseph with his usual grace and ability. Misself, C. Sherman made a nost interesting Buttereap, Mr. H. S. Nyman made a hit as Dick Deading. Mr. P. M. Pearson sengular Corvoran admirably, and Mr. J. O. Pugh was pronounced by his lady critics to be "a year duck of a Ratph Rackstrose." Miss J.

supply teacherships to the several relatives and friends of those who then opposed me.

I was at that time supported by the best element in the District, and was accordingly reappointed by the Board of Commissioners, or on of which you are a member.

Thus ended, so far as I know, all legitimate of which you grain a possition to me as a trustee of public schools. During my past term, however, there has new opposition to me as a first new opposition to me, in which you strange as it may seem to the public, are then the same a new opposition of the Republican State Executive Committee of Ohio, I took part as a seeker in the campaign then going on in that State. Upon my return to Washington in politics. I informed you in substance that in politics. I informed you in substance that in politics. I informed you in substance that in would have the effect of placing a padlock upon my lips, or of sbridging any of my rights as a citizen. You warmed up, for indeed the party with which you aymapathized had been defeated, and gave me to understand that you did not sow with that your did not agave me to understand that you did not sow me to understand that your did not sow the the understand that your did not sow the the understand that your did not sow with the understand that your did not sow the the understand that your did not sow with the present of the campaign the position of school trained to the same to the participants may be defeated, and gave me to

lefeated, and gave me to understand that you did not approve of my action.
Since that time I have doubtless, on several occasions, strengthened your dislike for me. I dare say that to those who think as you do it. is provoking at best to see a colored man in office. To see him in charge of white schools, however wholesome his influence thereon, is shocking. Add to this a sort of reckless disregard on the part of the colored man for the Bourbon notion as to the "nigger's place," and see the control of the colored was the control of the colored man for the colored man for the control of the colored was the control of the colored man for the colored man f a positive opposition to unwarranted encroach ents, and "O, his offense is rank and smells

I have known for sometime of your unkind urer met here at noon to-day in the Opera-House, which was about two-thirds full. The convention was called to order by Chairman come before you for appointment. I accordingly wrote a resignation and placed it in the hands of those of my friends who had previously supported me, in order that they might, if they so desired, agree upon my successor. They afterward returned, however, and insisted that I should continue to serve. Although feeling a deen interest in the schools Although feeling a deep interest in the sch under my charge, I yielded with much reluct-ance to their request. Now let us consider the part you have taken

in this matter, and leave to the public to de-cide whether or not it has been becoming to the dignity and impartiality which should belong to your official station. I do not wish to believe that any man would

take advantage of his official position to pun-ish his political opponents or persons of a race differing from his own only in the color of their skin; but your entire action in this case leads me to the firm and unalterable conviction that it is true, and I shall at no distant day proclaim it to the country as the policy of local State, and National Democratic administra-

In the first place, you were not slow in dis playing to my friends your ill-feeling toward me and in giving them to understand that you did not propose to reappoint me. At the out-set you made the statement that there was at once met by an overwhelming response in men in our midst, to say nothing of a large number of epistolary indusements from mem-bers of Congress and other prominent men to whom I am known.

the Hou, Frederick Douglass replied that the colored race stands in great need of "disturbers," and that it was upon that very account he was supporting me. In the absence of anything better to urge against me, you have freely paraded the state charges which were presented to you hat year by the faction to whom I have above alluded. did this well knowing that they were false and that in the face of them I received my appoint ment last year. If you then believed thes charges to be well founded, you violated you duty in making the former appointment. It

have, with my consent and ex-operation, already procured an indorsement of me signed by more than two-thirds of the members. I declined to have the paper used, and would not, of course, accept the position in question under any such condition. You know yourself, Mr. Dent, if your prejudies allows you to know anything, that a member of a free-school board should himself be free! You know that this condition is unusual and improper. You know that no honorable man would accept a position upon such terms. You know that when you were appointed as one of the District Commissioners the President of the United States impresed no such conditions upon you. You know, posed no such conditions upon you. You know, furthermore, that he did not even require an indorsament from your fellow-citizens, and herein, let me suggest, lies your good fortune. For you would hardly receive the indorsement of those who comember that during the way you were up lostly to those whose ment.

were pointed toward the city over which you now rule. Your opposition to me on account of color is in strong contrast to the time when a price was set upon color and even esteemed of greater value than was the Union of the States.

As been saved, but the ordinary receipts show a falling T from the estimates of 13,233, 223 marks. The total deficit in the ordinary budget is 6,257,821 marks. In the ordinary receipts

war you were not hostile to those whose guns

Inasmuch as you are bound by long estab-lished rules to appoint a colored man as my successor, you will desire him to be a quiet man. It would be well to have that underman. It would be well to have that understood in advance. I am fully satisfied that I am not the man; for so long as God shall maintain my strength and present sense of justice I shall deem it my privilege and supreme pleasure to "talk back," as it was in times of war to shoot back at the enemies of parfect feedom.

perfect freedom.
I summarize: Every charge made against me has been met and disproved, and I challenge denial in the public print, where I shall have a fair and impartial hearing. The community will not hear in donial of my charges of political and race prejudice the answer that another Republican and colored man has been ap-pointed to succeed me. The cause for my re-moval is understood to be because I have dared to be the peer of white men and not their tool.

I declined then as I now decline to have my

usine further used in this connection by you, and demand that my character and private affairs shall no longer be the subject of your unjust animadversions. Respectfully, MIL/FON M. HOLLAND.

## MIDSUMMER "PINAFORE."

The Performance by the Potomac Club at the National.

The performance of "H. M. S. Pinafore" and 'Cox and Box" at the National Theatre last evening, as a complimentary testimonial to Mr. John O. Pugh, tendered by the Potomac Boat Club, attracted an audience which filled the theatre to overflowing. Despite the dis-

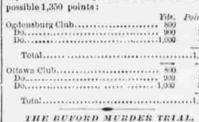
of which the participants may well be proud. The art of the florist must have been severely taxed to provide bouquets and baskets for the occasion, as enough flowers were sent up to the stage to trim the gallant "Pinafore" from of whom had families.

The Vacant Judgeship.

The office of Associated Justice of the Suorems Court of the District of Columbia, ade vacant by the death of Judge Hum phreys, is being sought by eight or ten different gentlemen, representing as many States. The President said yesterday that he had as yet given the subject no consideration what-ever, and that he saw no occasion for an immediate appointment.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

International Match at Ottawa. OTTAWA, ONT., July 16 .- The international mall-bore rifle match between the Ottawa and Ogdensburg riffe clubs was concluded today. The following are the scores out of a



Defense Relying Upon the Insanity Plea. OWENTON, KY., July 16 .- Among the witthe Buford trial was Mrs. Annie Wallace, the lady to whom Buford addressed a letter Just before the murder. The lady strongly sustained the theory of the prisoner's insanity. evidence the defense closed, with the privilege

of introducing other witnesses, who are ex-pected to arrive to-morrow.

On the reassembling of the court this afternoon the prosecution introduced its rebutting testimony, there being eighteen or twenty wit-nesses to swear they always considered Bufor: whom I am known.

This charge having been disposed of, you raised and continued to raise others, each of which was met and disposed of in its order, One of the charges you made was to the effect.

In esses to swear they always considered Buford found and and sane. The prisoner has remained cool and calm all through. He converse quietly, but intelligently, with all who were squietly, but intelligently, with all who wish him at the jail. The indications are that verses quietly, but intelligently, with all who visit him at the jail. The indications are that

Rewing Challenge,

HALIFAX, N. S., July 16 .- At a meeting of the Rowing Association last night there was the Rowing Association last night there was morning. The Secretary, who is on a vaca-read a challenge from Evan Morris to Warren tion, visited General Hillhouse at the Sub-Smith to row a five-mile race on the Pittsburg course for \$500 a side, allowing Smith \$200 for expenses. The challenge was declined for this season, but Morris will be informed that if he wants a race similar to that rowed at Silver Lake, and will come here, he will be allowed

Base-Ball.

CLEVELAND, July 16 .- Cleveland, 10; Syra-CINCINNATI, July 16 .- Providence, 5; Cin-BUFFALO, N. Y., July 16,-Bostons, 5; Buf-

Chicago, July 16,-Chicago, 4; Troy, 0.

# bave, with my consent and co-operation, already GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

### A Remarkable Exhibit of German Finances.

Large Falling-Off from Estimated Receipts-Iron Workers Demanding the Benefit of the New Tariff-Serious Distorbances-Discrimination Against French Officers-Russian Incendiaries, &c., &c.

The German Budget.

BEBLIN, July 16 .- The Official Guzette publishes the budget for 1878-'79. It shows that in the ordinary expenditure 6,995,471 marks have been saved, but the ordinary receipts Hon. Josiah Dent, Commissioner District of Co-lambia:

Sir: Having reached the conclusion that
you were, for political and race reasons, opposed to my serving in the office of Trustee of
Public Schools, and that you had the absolute I
have dared to be the peer of white men and
power in your hands, I called at your office on receipts there is a decrease, as compared with 822,017 marks in stamp duties, of 1,568,599 marks in the income from posts and telegraphs, and of 471,596 marks in the revenue from imperial railroads.

perial railroads.

LABOR TROUBLES IN SILESIA.

LONDON, July 17.—The Standard's dispatch from Berlin reports that serious disturbances have taken place place among the workmen in the iron foundries of Silesia, in consequence of a demand for increased wages suggested by a demand for the page updactive duties on the imposition of the new protective duties on iron. It has been necessary to call out the

roops to restore order.

The Post's dispatch from Berlin announces that some property in Silesia has been de-stroyed. It is reported that some of the riot-ers have been killed and a large number

ounled by the soldiers, LONDON, July 17.—I'wo workmen have been killed and four wounded in Silesia. Sixty ar

rusts have been made.

GERMAN COMMERCIAL VENTURE.

LONDON, July 16.—The Post's correspondent at Berlin notices a project which is on footin Germany for sending a large soluction of German manufactured goods to South America. ica, to be displayed in an itinerant exhibition, as a means of making the population acquaint-ed with German manufactures, and thus socuring a fresh market for the same

PRENCH OFFICERS DISCIPLINED.

LONDON, July 17.—Pric Standard's correspondent at Paris telegraphs that it is reported. that several officers who attended requiem mass for the Prince Imperial at the Church of St. Augustine have been removed and others have been sent to Algeria. ANOTHER RUSSIAN FIRE.
PARIS, July 16.—Intelligence has been re-

ceived from Roslow, Russia, that a fire oc-curred the 5th instant. Eleven houses were destroyed, and the loss is estimated at 140,000 TODLEBEN RELIEVED OF COMMAND

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LONDON, July 17.—The Post's dispatch from
Berlin reports that General Todholom, Governor-General of Southern Rusia, has been
granted leave of absence very suddenly, in
consequence, it is supposed, of a difference with
the authorities of Kieff University.

erely been concluded. It has, however, been settled as a fact that the authorities unnecessarily and

The Masonic lodges have expelled Governor

Teran, of Vera Cruz.
The conspiracy which existed on the steamer Libertad and in the city of Vera Cruz had ramifications along the entire gulf coast. The eneral outbreak. The conspiracy is attrib-ted to commercial circles in the gulf ports, which were discontonted with the law sup-pressing contraband trade.

The Diarie (official) states that, according to

the laws of the country, foreigners serving the government in an official capacity becomes Mexican citizens.
Yucatan is quiet. The fears of trouble with the Indians have been dissipated.
The Department of the Interior reports the population of the Republic to be 9,686,777. Mexican citizens.

Accidental Death of a Millionaire. NEW YORK, July 16 .- Anthony Zabriski, a millionaire, living at Central Morrisania, a member of an ancient, historical, and very 414 eccentric family, was instantly killed this morning at Central Morrisania by the New Haven express train. He had just left the grounds surrounding his house, accompanied 404 by his sister. They intended to take the train for the city, which leaves the Contral Morris-north and supposed that it was the train he meant to take and that it would stop at the depot, which was about 100 yards distant from him. He therefore hastened across the track, but the train, which proved to be the New Haesses called this morning for the defense in ven express, did not stop, but rushed down upon him at the rate of forty miles an hour, and, the cowesteber striking him, threw him a distance of 200 feet on a side track, where be struck on his bead, frightfully mangled. Zabriski was a man of great wealth, a his own fortune the property lately left him by his brother, Martin Zabriski, who died ast winter. His property is estimated at \$10,

Highway Robbery in New York. NEW YORK, July 16.-Sheldon S. Norton, ately from Chicago, while passing through Spring street early this morning, was suddenly assaulted by four men and robbed of an over-coat and gold ring, of the value of \$40. One of the assistants was arrested and committed in default of \$2,000 ball. Mr. Norton is the locturer attached to the Woodruff scientific axpedition around the world.

Secretary Sherman in New York. New York, July 16.-Secretary Sherman arrived in this city from Philadelphia this Treasury, and then went to the custom-he where he speut about an hour. Several I ing bankers were also visited by him.

Suicide Prevented.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 16. - Miss Josephine Adelaide Patterson, of New York, attempted suicide at Newport last evening by taking handanum in the street, but a policeman seized the bottle before she had taken a fatal dose.

A WOMAN raised to the third power of widowhood has the photographs of her three de-parted lards he a group, with a vignette of her-self in the center, and underneath is the in-scription, "The Lord will provide."